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REMARKS

Claims 5, 6, 13 and 14 are pending in the application upon entry of this amendment. Claims 1-5, 7-12 and 15-19 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Favorable reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

I. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indicated allowability of claims 5 and 13 subject to being amended to independent form. These claims have been amended to independent form.

As a result, claims 5 and 13 are now in condition for allowance. Remaining claims 6 and 14 depend from claims 5 and 13, respectively. Thus, all claims are now in condition for allowance.

II. CONCLUSION

Accordingly, all claims are allowable and the application is in condition for allowance. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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Should a petition for an extension of time be necessary for the timely reply to the outstanding Office Action (or if such a petition has been made and an additional extension is necessary), petition is hereby made and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees (including additional claim fees) to Deposit Account No. 18-0988.

Respectfully submitted,

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